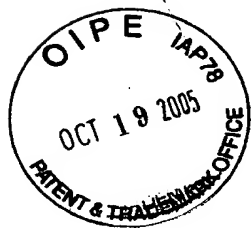


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In response to the final Office Action mailed August 19, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and comments. Please amend the Application as follows.